

ALICE EASTWOOD'S EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY  
ANNIVERSARY

Miss Alice Eastwood, for forty-seven years Curator of Botany of the California Academy of Sciences, celebrated on January 19, 1939, her eightieth birthday. To honor her on this occasion more than four hundred botanists and garden enthusiasts met at a luncheon held in the Terrace Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco. Following the luncheon Dr. F. M. McFarland, president of the Academy, presided at a brief congratulatory ceremony. A resolution by the board of trustees in appreciation of Miss Eastwood's devoted service to botany as curator in the institution was read by Mr. Norman B. Livermore, president of the board. Miss Eastwood received hundreds of congratulatory letters and telegrams; excerpts from a few of these were read by Dr. Robert C. Miller, Director of the Museum and Steinhart Aquarium of the Academy. Among the valuable gifts received by Miss Eastwood was a collection of the Dennison wild flower paintings presented by Mrs. J. T. Morris and Miss F. P. Morrison. She received also a book plate, the gift of the California Botanical Club, an organization which she founded in 1891. The plate, designed by Mrs. Alice B. Chittenden, shows redwoods and manzanita in the foreground, and in the distance Mount Tamalpais, one of Miss Eastwood's favorite collecting fields. Mr. Allen B. Chickering expressed the regard and esteem of Miss Eastwood's many devoted friends and admirers and, in appreciation of the work she has accomplished in the crowded quarters of the Academy, offered to contribute the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars as the beginning of a fund for a building to be known as the "Alice Eastwood Herbarium." Miss Eastwood made acknowledgments in a characteristic short speech quoting the verse, "My Birthday," by Dixie Lee which ends:—"I count my age by friends—not years!"

Flowering manzanita (*Arctostaphylos manzanita*) from the William F. Booth place in Sonoma County was used for table decoration. For many years Miss Eastwood has been especially interested in the native Californian species of this genus and its use on this occasion was especially appropriate.

Among organizations represented at the luncheon were: American Fuchsia Society, California Academy of Sciences, California Horticultural Society, California Spring Blossom and Wild Flower Association, San Francisco Garden Club. An attractive biographical folder, sponsored by these organizations, was distributed as a souvenir.

The accompanying portrait of Miss Eastwood was taken in January, 1939.—ETHEL CRUM, Department of Botany, University of California, Berkeley, February, 1939.